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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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### **Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 112**

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 2, 7, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In Claim 2, line 6, “a most recent version” is vague whether it is the most recent version of the document file or not. Line 6, “said host program” lacks antecedent basis.

In Claim 7, line 5, “a most recent version” is vague whether it is the most recent version of the document file or not.

In Claim 9, line 5, “a said” is vague.

### **Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 102**

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-10, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hussam (US publication 2003/0050927).

Regarding Claim 1, Hussam discloses a computer system comprising:

computer-readable media (display) (See paragraphs, 0009, 0016, 0197, 0222, 0245),

- a reader program for rendering information in a computer readable document file in human-cognizable form, said reader program being stored on said computer-readable media, said reader program including
  - o a document parser (UR identifier) for identifying a network location specified by an original version of said document file (See Figures 12, paragraphs 0037-0040, 0085, 0088, 0097),
  - o a network interface for accessing an updated version of said document file via said network location (0088, 0408), and
  - o a renderer for causing information in said updated version to be rendered in human-cognizable form (on display) (See paragraphs 0009, 0016, 0197, 0222, 0245),

Regarding Claim 2, Hussam discloses that said reader program further includes a host interface (host service, server) (See paragraphs 0188, 0356) for receiving a help request (search request, query) from a local version of a host application, said document file being a help file for said host application, said updated version of said document file being a most recent version of said document file for a most recent version of said host program (See paragraphs 0085, 0159, 0164, 0174).

Regarding Claim 3, Hussam discloses that said document is in pdf or html format (0295, 0301, 0348, 0350, 0404, 0405).

Regarding Claim 4, Hussam discloses that said reader program further includes a host interface (host service, server) (See paragraphs 0188, 0356) for receiving a help request (search request, query) from a local version of a host application, said document file being a help file for said host application, said updated version of said document file being a most-recent version of said document for said local version of said host application (See paragraphs 0085, 0159, 0164, 0174).

Regarding Claim 5, Hussam discloses that said host interface also provides for receiving a version identification (See paragraphs 0253, 0254) for said host application from said host application.

Regarding Claim 6, Hussam discloses a method comprising:

- accessing an original version of a document file, said original version of said document file specifying a network location (See Figures 12, paragraphs 0037-0040, 0085, 0088, 0097);
- accessing an updated version of said document file via said network location, said updated version having updated information (0088, 0408);  
and
- rendering said updated information in human-cognizable form (on display) (See paragraphs 0009, 0016, 0197, 0222, 0245).

Regarding Claim 7, Hussam discloses the method further comprising receiving a help request from a local version of a host application (host service, server) (See paragraphs 0188, 0356), said accessing an original version occurring in response to said help request (search request, query), said updated version corresponding to a

most-recent version of said document file for a most-recent version of said host application (See paragraphs 0085, 0159, 0164, 0174).

Regarding Claim 8, Hussam discloses that said document is in html or pdf format (0295, 0301, 0348, 0350, 0404, 0405).

Regarding Claim 9, Hussam discloses the method further comprising receiving a help request from a local version of a host application (host service, server) (See paragraphs 0188, 0356), said accessing an original version occurring in response to said help request (search request, query), said updated version corresponding to a most-recent version of said document file for a said local version of said host application (See paragraphs 0085, 0159, 0164, 0174).

Regarding Claim 10, Hussam discloses the method further comprising receiving version identification for said host application from said host application (See paragraphs 0253, 0254)

Claims 1-10, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Robotham et al. (US publication 2002/0015042).

Regarding Claim 1, Robotham discloses a computer system comprising:  
computer-readable media (display) (See paragraph 0285),

- a reader program (See paragraph 0063, 0305) for rendering information in a computer readable document file in human-cognizable form, said reader program being stored on said computer-readable media, said reader program including

- a document parser (URL) for identifying a network location specified by an original version of said document file (See paragraphs 0174, 0286),
- a network interface (22) for accessing an updated version of said document file via said network location (See paragraph 0248, 0251), and
- a renderer for causing information in said updated version (See paragraph 0243) to be rendered in human-cognizable form (on display) (See paragraphs 0285, 0306, 0407).

Regarding Claim 2, Robotham discloses that said reader program further includes a host interface for receiving a help request from a local version of a host application (See paragraphs 0337, 0345), said document file being a help file for said host application, said updated version of said document file being a most recent version of said document file for a most recent version of said host program (See paragraphs 0333, 0452).

Regarding Claim 3, Robotham discloses that said document is in pdf or html format (See paragraphs 0083, 0319, 0413).

Regarding Claim 4, Robotham discloses that said reader program further includes a host interface for receiving a help request from a local version of a host application (See paragraphs 0337, 0345), said document file being a help file for said host application, said updated version of said document file being a most-recent version of said document for said local version of said host application (See paragraphs 0333, 0452).

Regarding Claim 5, Robotham discloses that said host interface also provides for receiving a version identification for said host application from said host application (See paragraphs 0057, 0102, 0124).

Regarding Claim 6, Robotham discloses a method comprising:

- accessing an original version of a document file, said original version of said document file specifying a network location (See paragraphs 0174, 0286),
- accessing an updated version of said document file via said network location, said updated version having updated information (See paragraph 0248, 0251); and
- rendering said updated information in human-cognizable form (on display) (See paragraphs 0285, 0306, 0407).

Regarding Claim 7, Robotham discloses the method further comprising receiving a help request from a local version of a host application (See paragraphs 0337, 0345), said accessing an original version occurring in response to said help request, said updated version corresponding to a most-recent version of said document file for a most-recent version of said host application (See paragraphs 0333, 0452).

Regarding Claim 8, Robotham discloses that said document is in html or pdf format (See paragraphs 0083, 0319, 0413).

Regarding Claim 9, Robotham discloses the method further comprising receiving a help request from a local version of a host application (See paragraphs 0337, 0345), said accessing an original version occurring in response to said help request, said



updated version corresponding to a most-recent version of said document file for a said local version of said host application (See paragraphs 0333, 0452).

Regarding Claim 10, Robotham discloses the method further comprising receiving version identification for said host application from said host application (See paragraphs 0057, 0102, 0124).

### **Conclusion**

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Maxwell et al. (US 2003/0188262) discloses a method and apparatus for populating a form with data. San Miguel (US 2003/0101086) discloses a decision tree software system. Martin et al. (US 2003/0005134) discloses a system, method and computer program product for presenting information to a user utilizing historical information about the user. Reisman (US 2002/0069282) discloses a method and system for distributing updates.

### **Correspondence**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Wilson Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-1824.

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